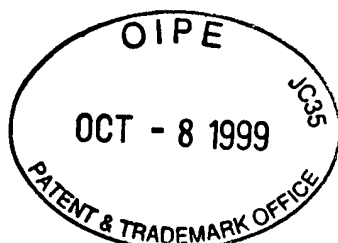




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SUBJECT: Transfer of Files

Dear Mr. Rose:

We have been informed that Mr. C. Steven McDaniel has left your firm. We appreciate the support of Conley, Rose & Tayon over the past several years, yet we believe it is in our best interests for Mr. McDaniel to continue as our lead attorney on matters in process.

Your cooperation in transferring all Texas Heart Institute files, including electronic and hard copies, to Mr. McDaniel will be appreciated. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Michael G. McGee, vice president of Research Administration of the Texas Heart Institute, or me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marc C. Mattsson'.

Marc C. Mattsson

cc: Denton A. Cooley, M.D.
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